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# FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

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# Summary of the Upcoming Week



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## Today

- **Elevated fire weather conditions over NE NM and W OK Panhandle.**
- **Snow tonight over the higher terrain of N NM**

## Wednesday

- **Marginal risk of strong/severe storms with isolated heavy rain/flash flooding across N TX/E OK into AR Wednesday night**
- **Snow continues over the higher terrain of N NM**
- **Elevated fire weather conditions over E NM, W OK, and the TX/OK Panhandles**

## Thursday

- **Marginal risk of strong/severe storms over the ArkLaTex into AR**
- **Isolated heavy rainfall possible across AR**

## Friday - Saturday

- **No significant weather impacts expected**

## River Flooding

- **Minor river flooding with minimal impacts continues across E TX into LA/AR.**

# FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Feb 5, 2019 – Feb 9, 2019



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DAY / THREAT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Severe Storms		NTX/E OK AR	ArkLaTex into AR		
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding		NTX/E OK AR	AR		
Winter Weather	N NM (PM)	N NM			
Fire Weather	NE NM W OK Panhandle	E NM,W OK TX/OK Panhandles			
River Flooding	ETX/LA/AR	ETX/LA/AR	ETX/LA/AR	ETX/LA/AR	ETX/LA/AR

	No Weather Threats Expected
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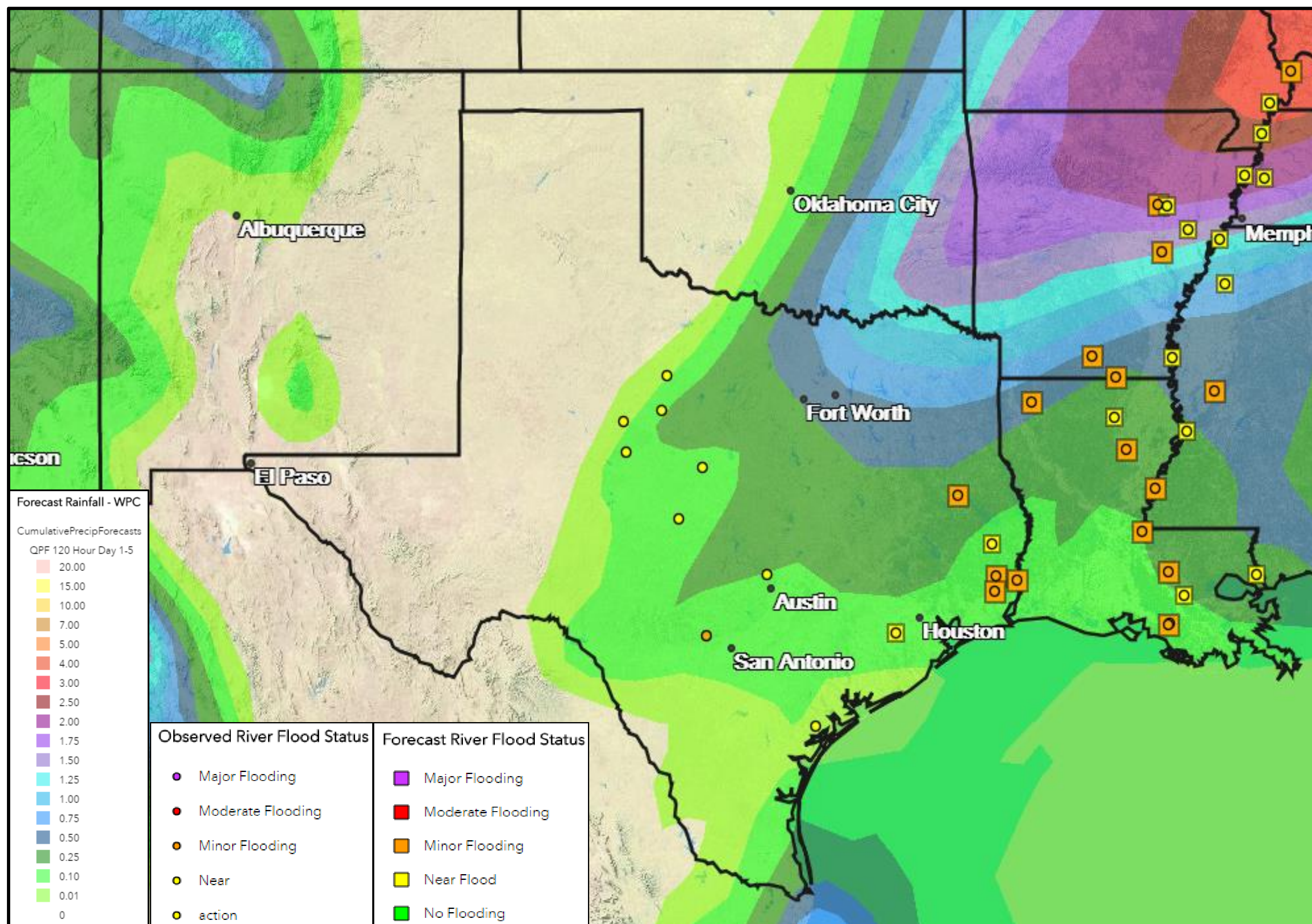
# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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*Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall*

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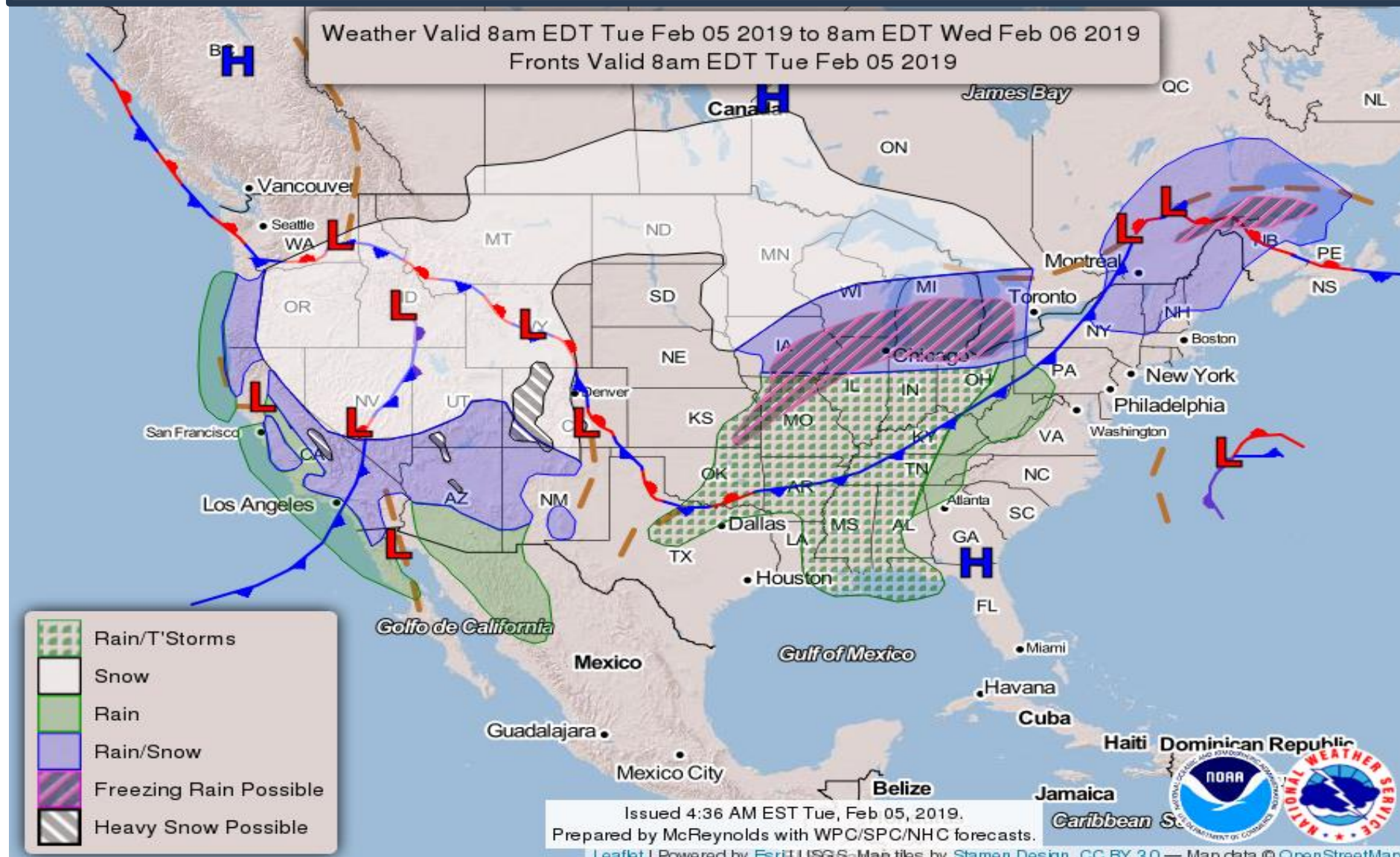


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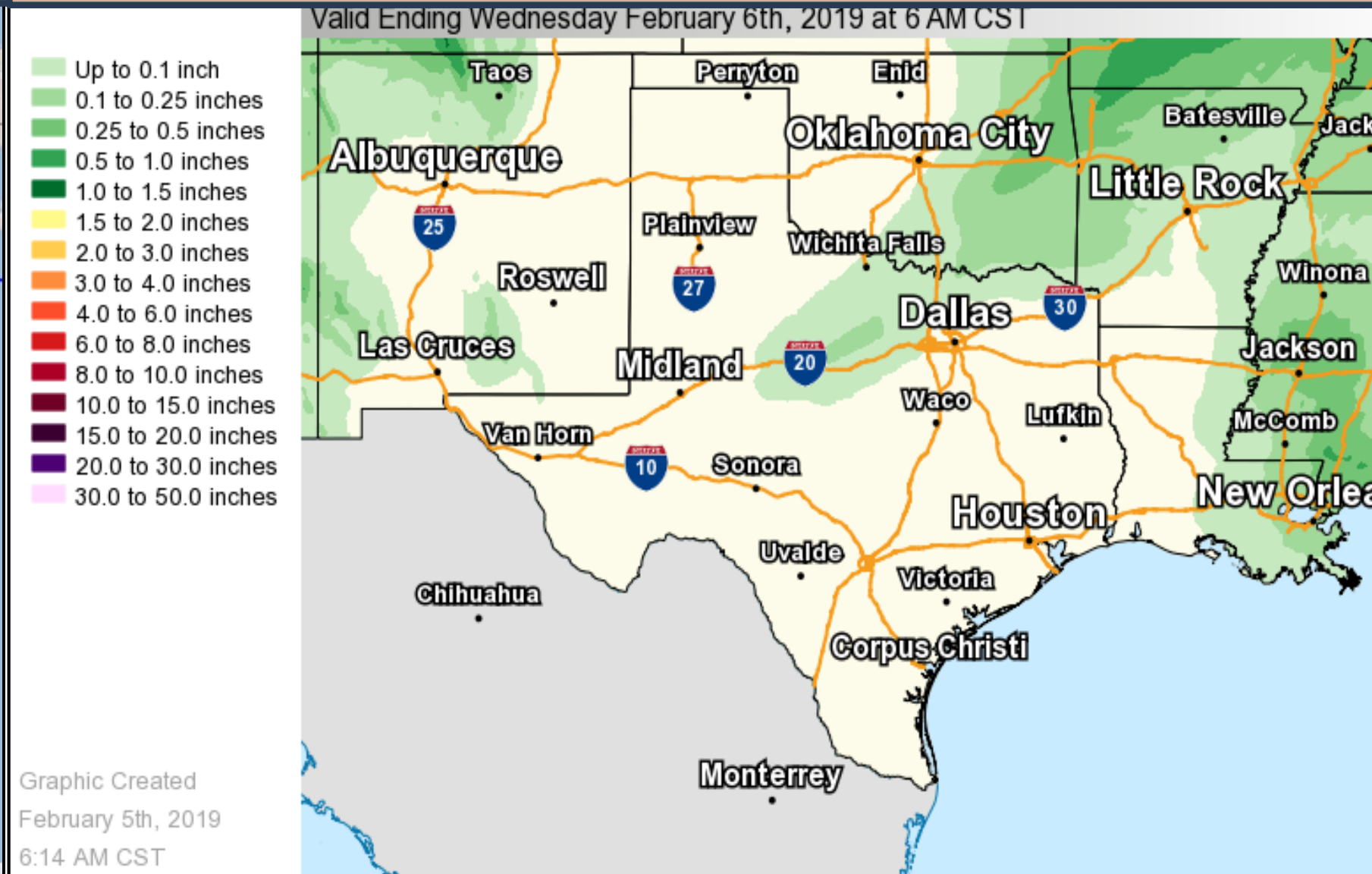


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# Forecast Chart



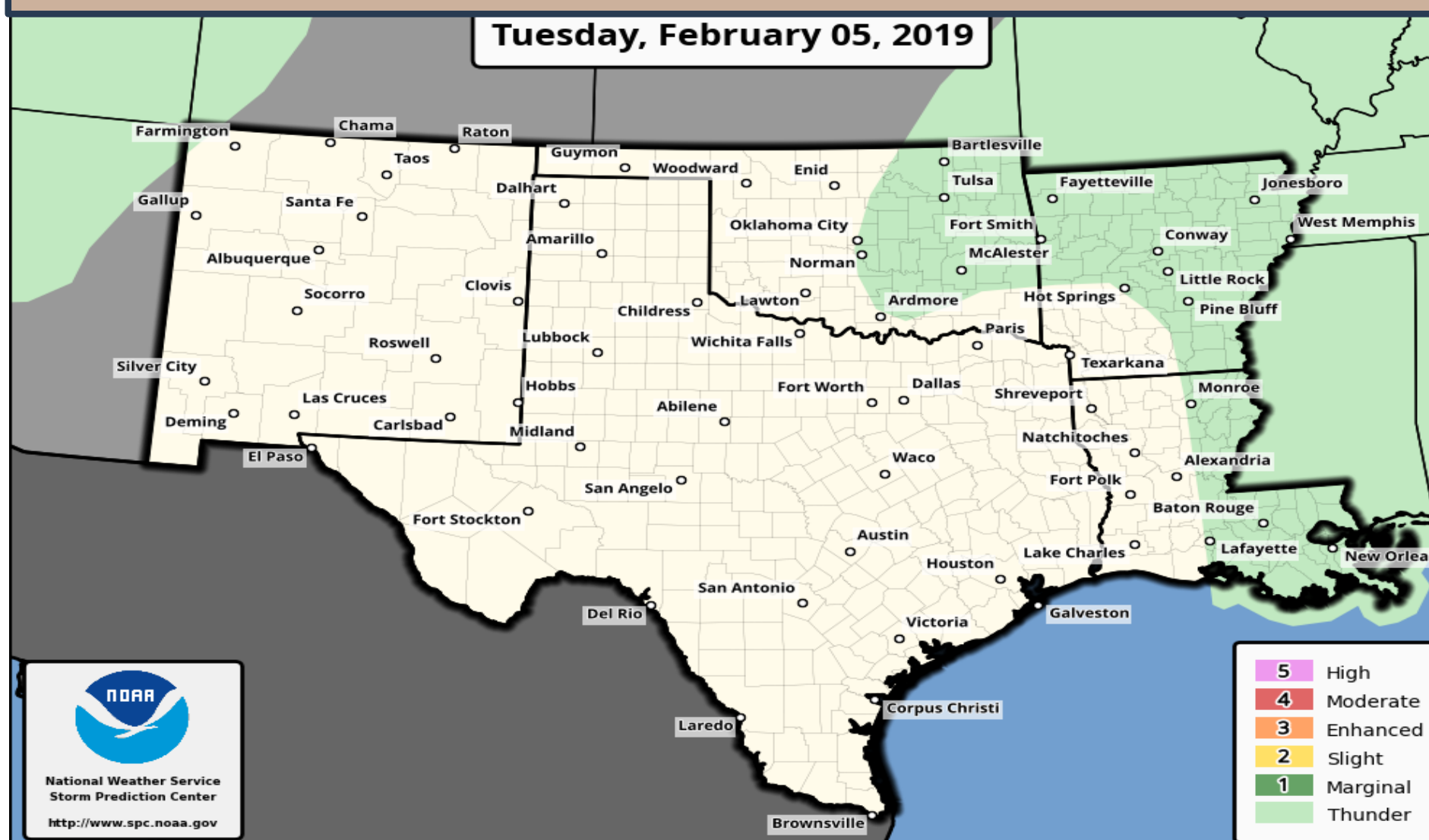
# Forecast Rainfall



# Elevated fire weather conditions for NE NM and western OK Panhandle

## Snow over the higher terrain of N NM tonight

# Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook

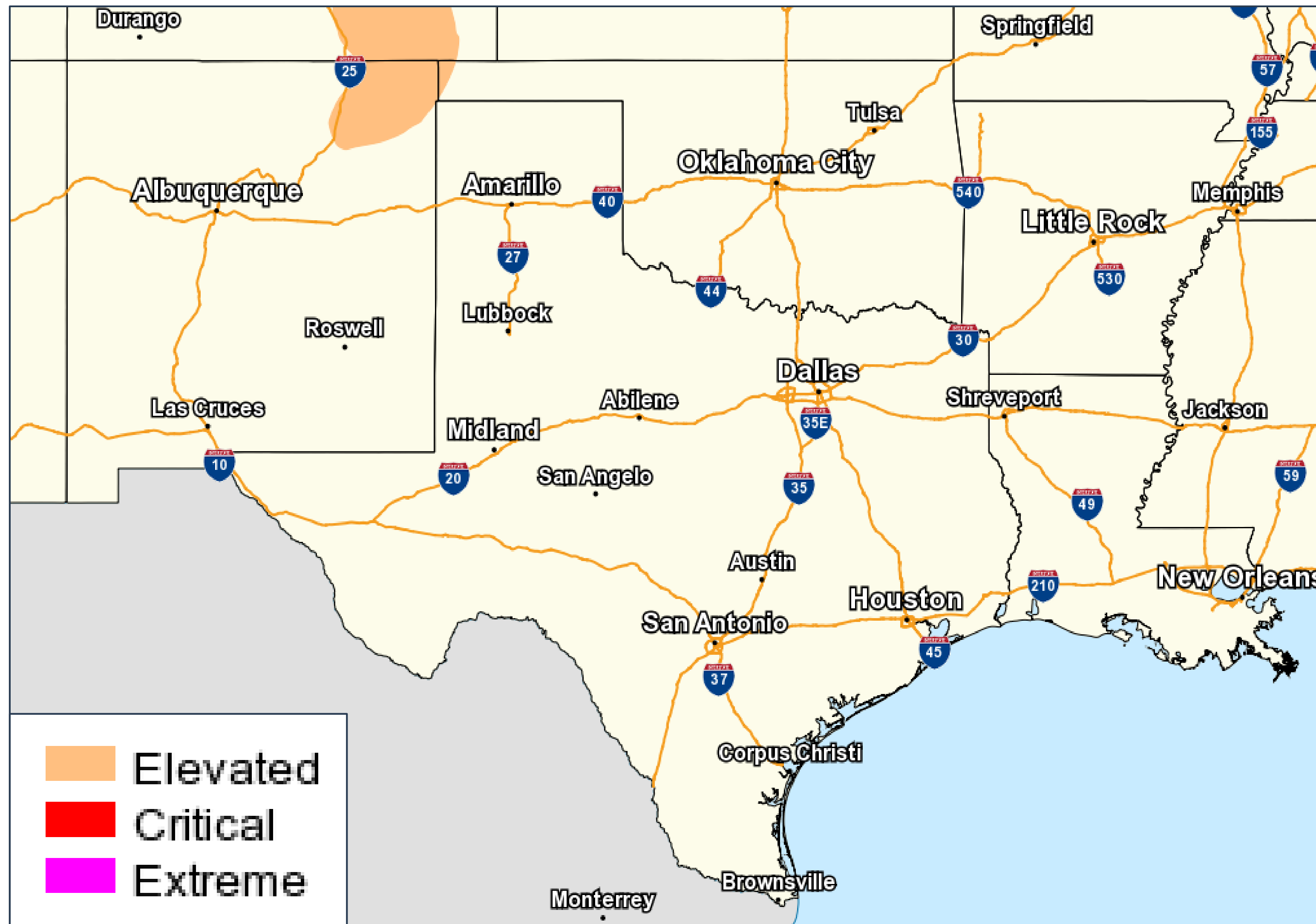


# Today's Fire Weather Outlook



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**Elevated fire weather conditions over  
NE NM into the OK Panhandles**

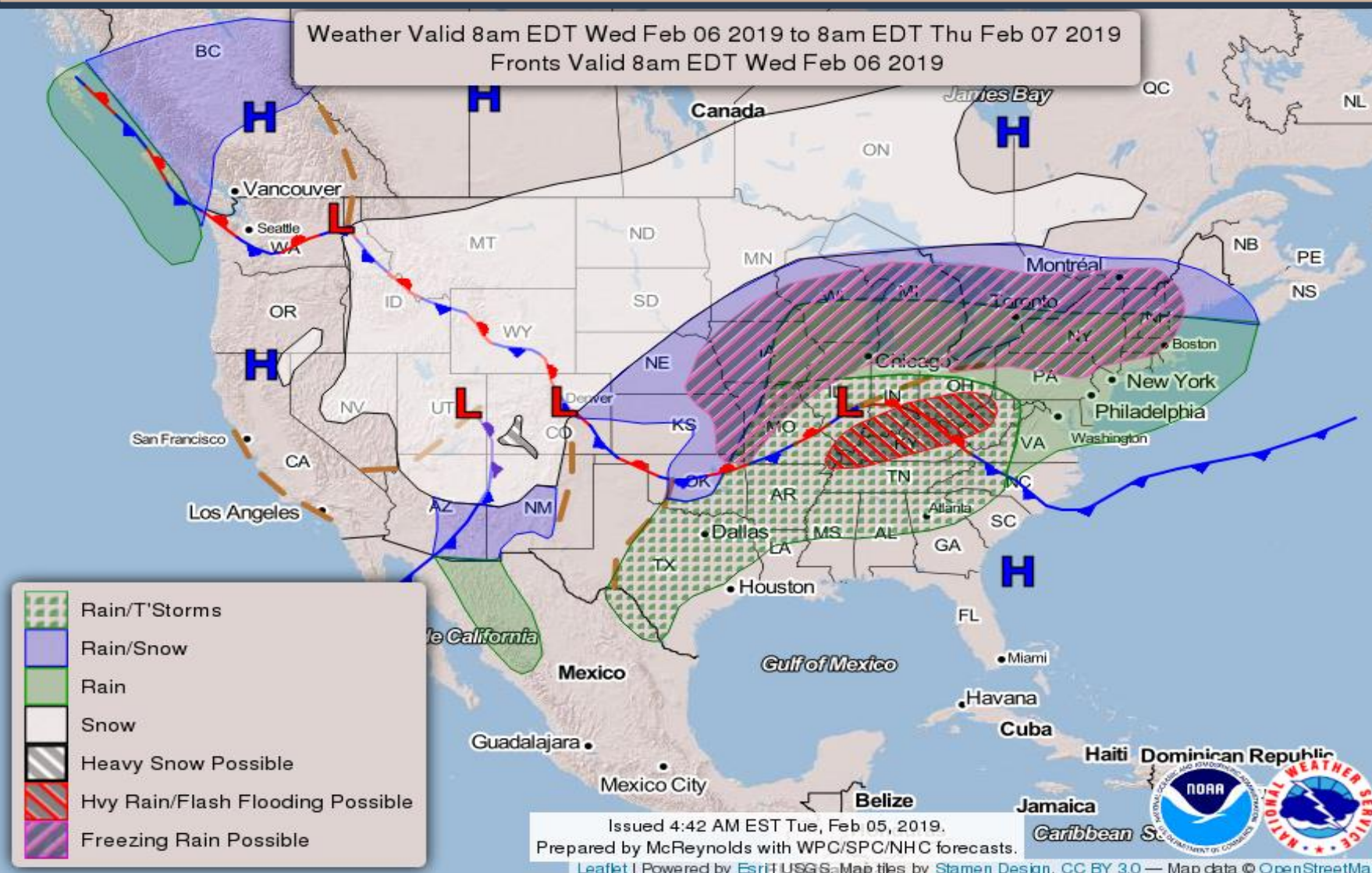


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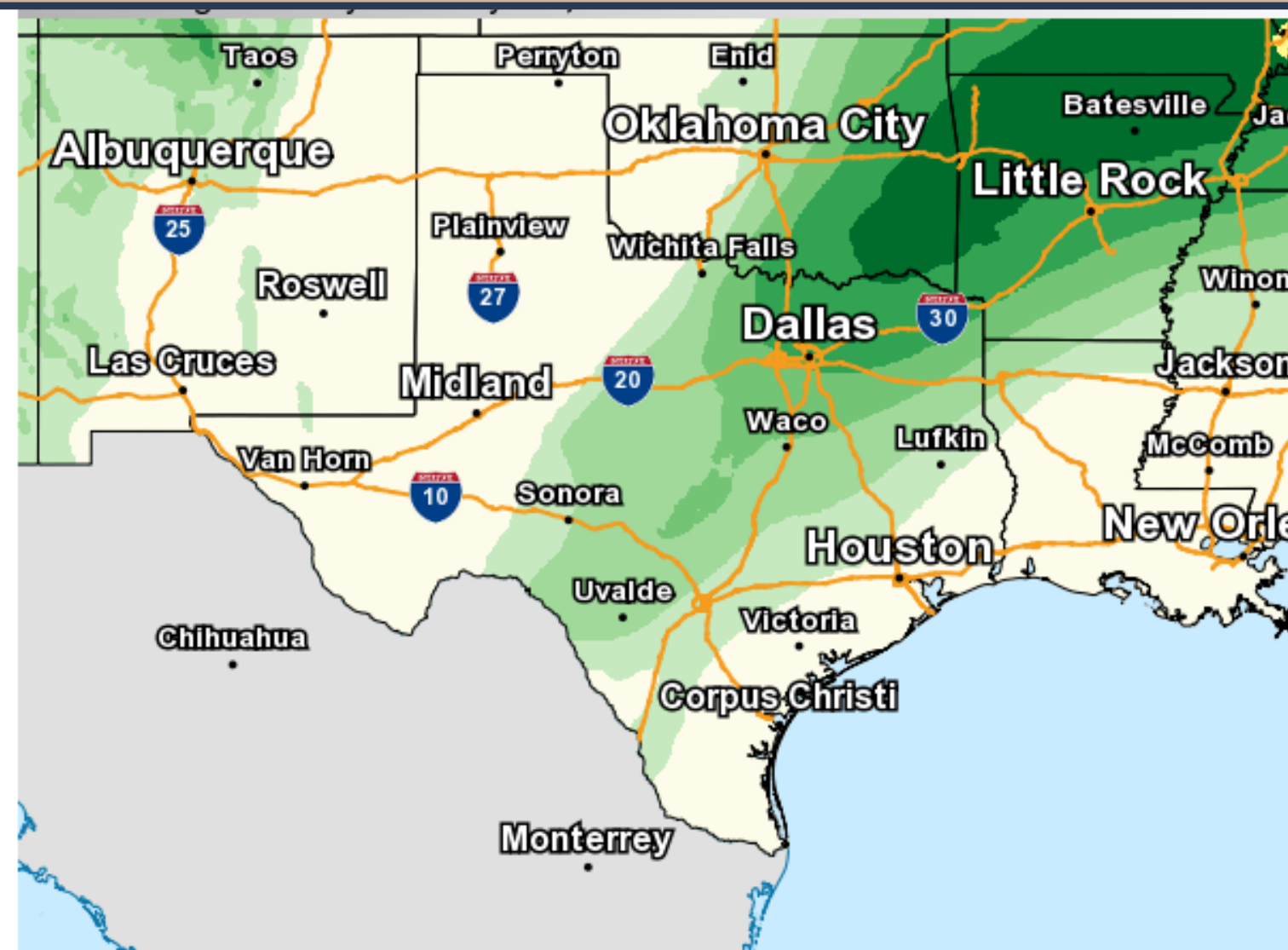
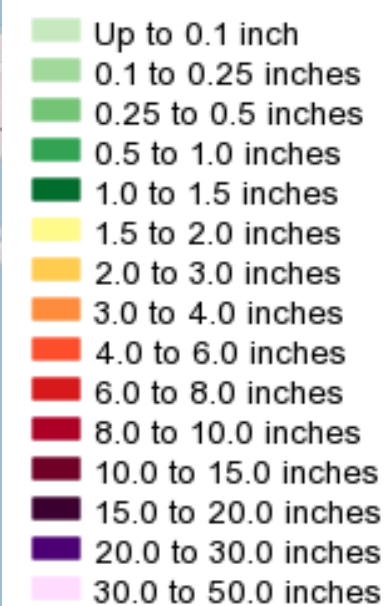


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## Forecast Chart



## Forecast Rainfall



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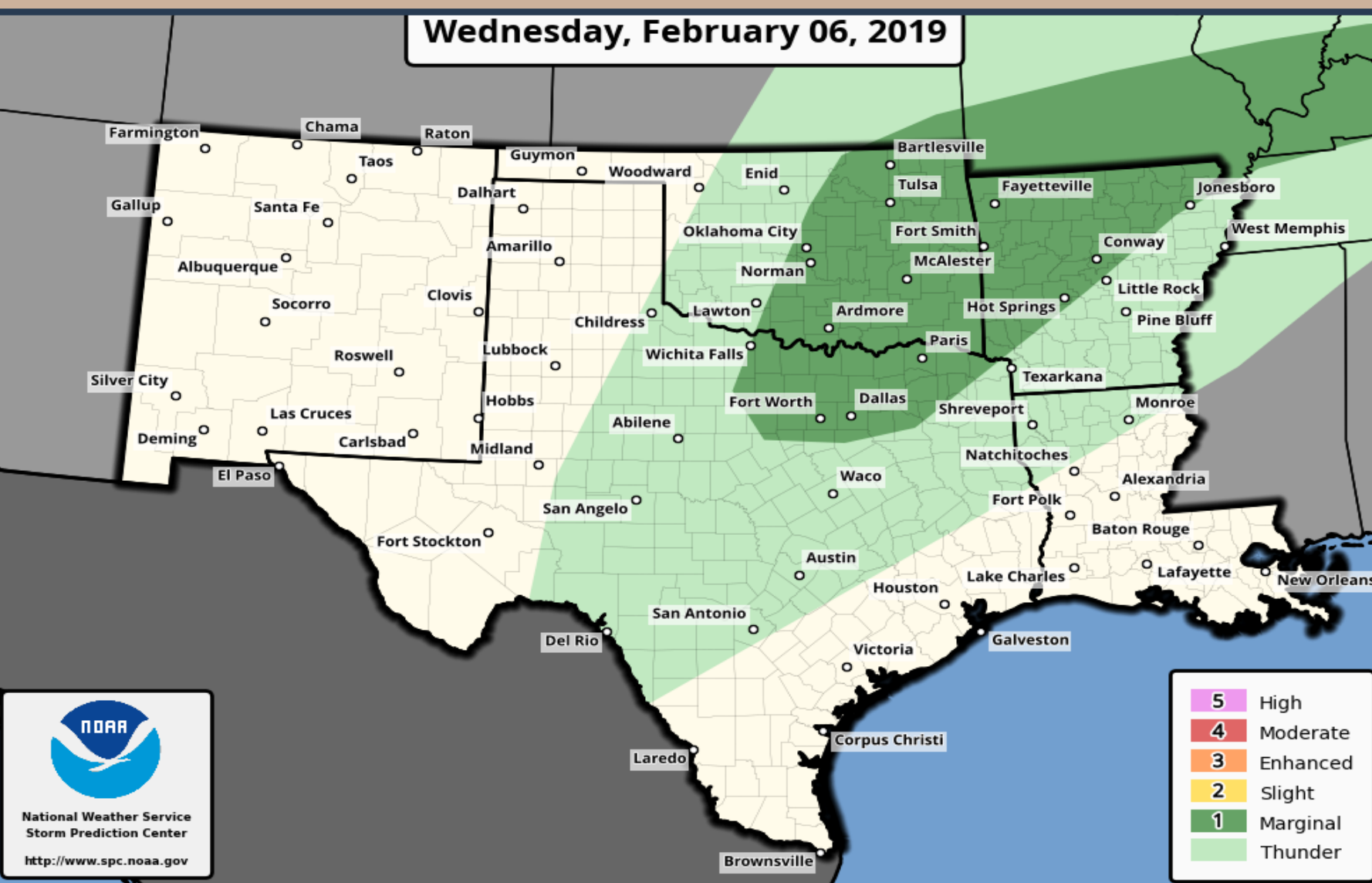
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**Snow over the higher terrain of NM**

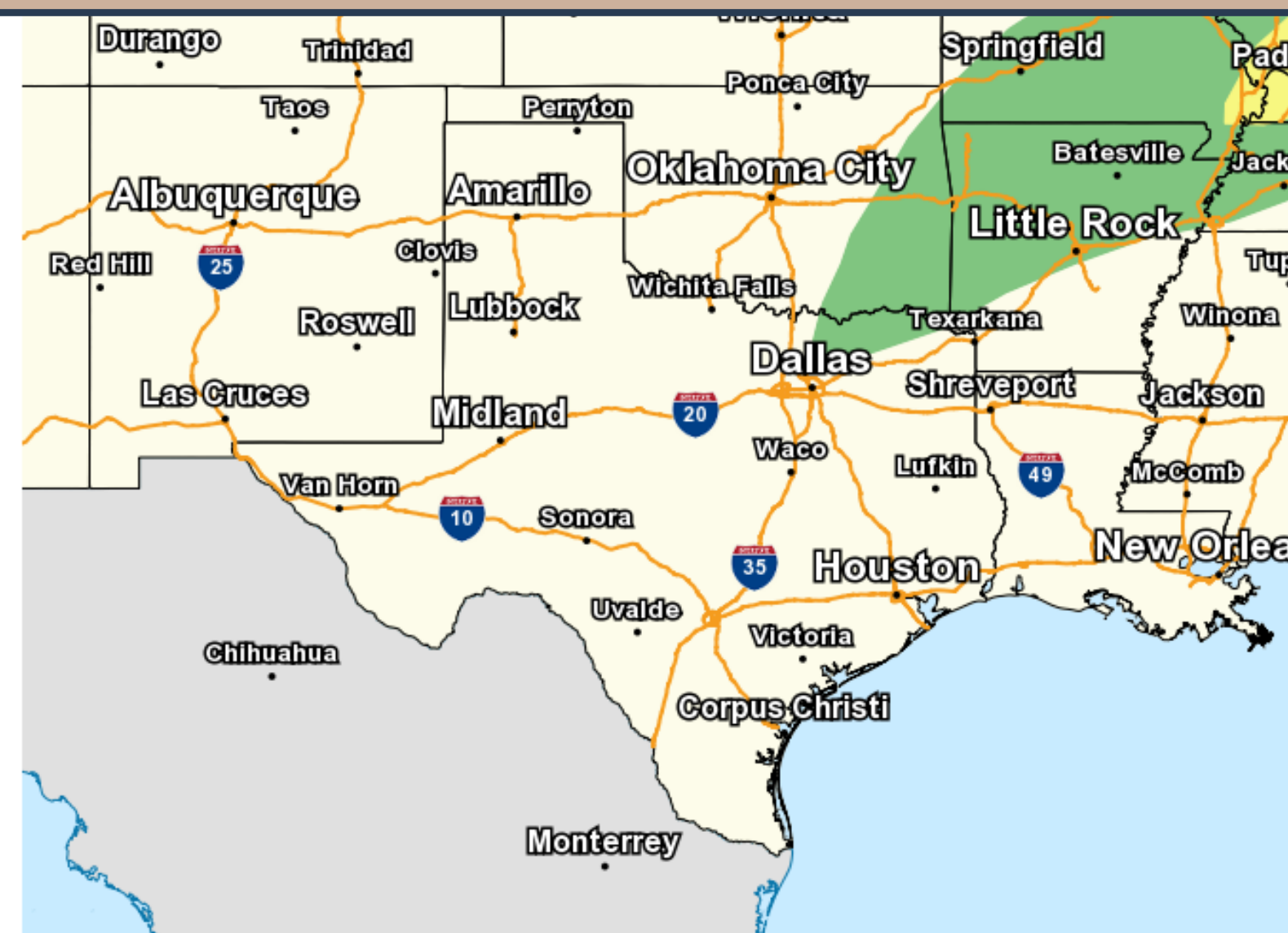
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## Severe Weather Outlook

Wednesday, February 06, 2019



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook

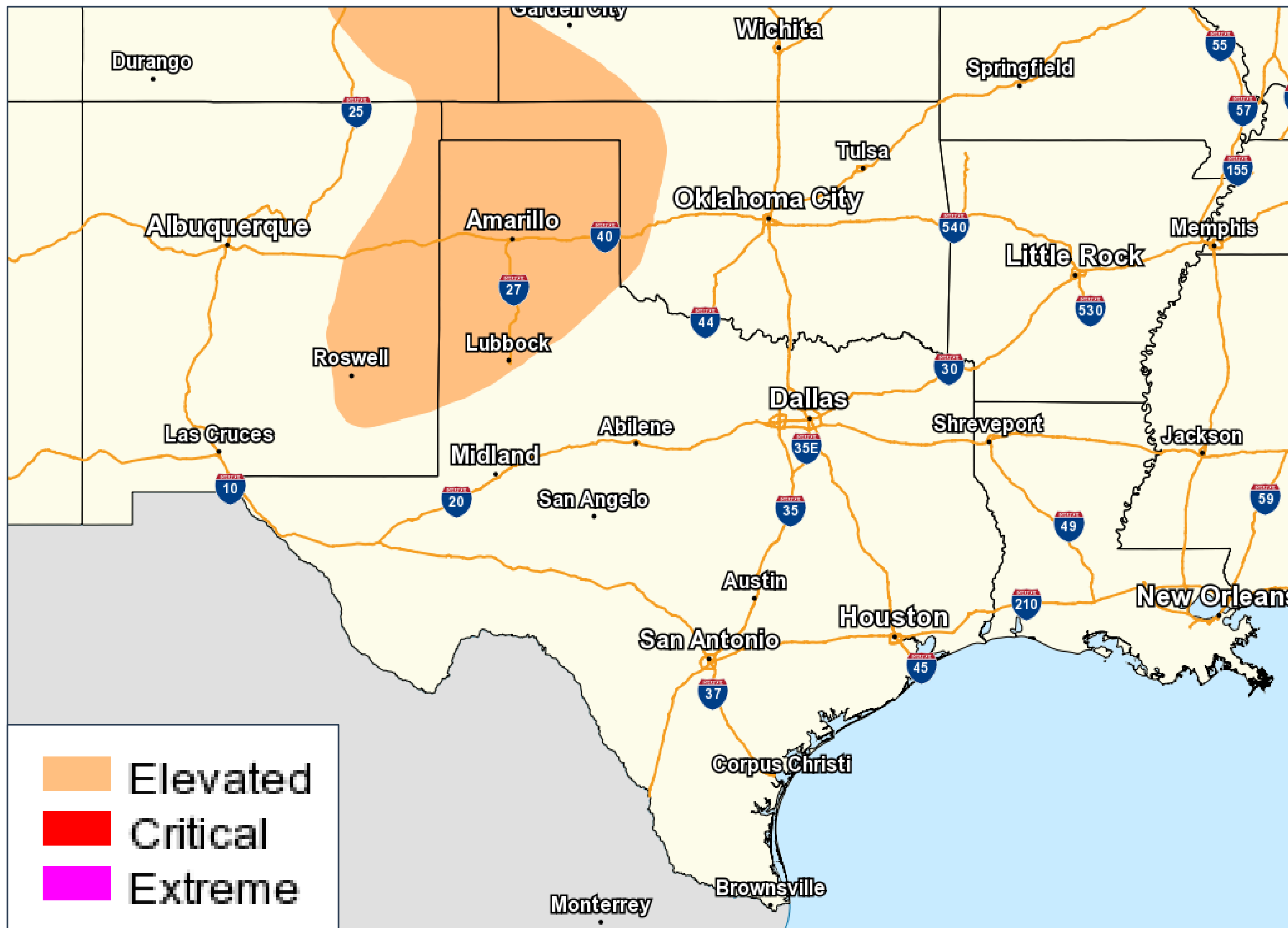


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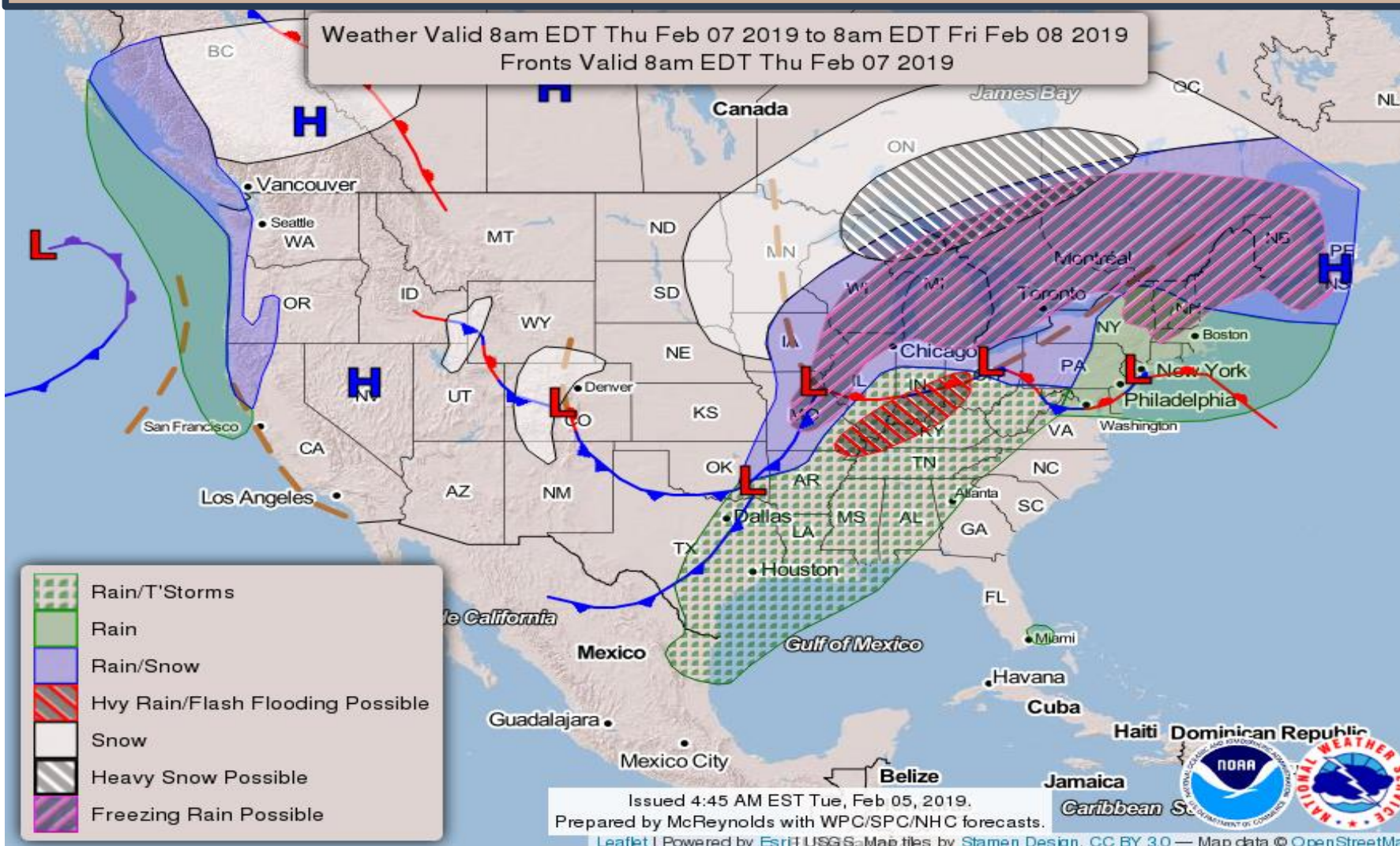
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# Thursday's Weather

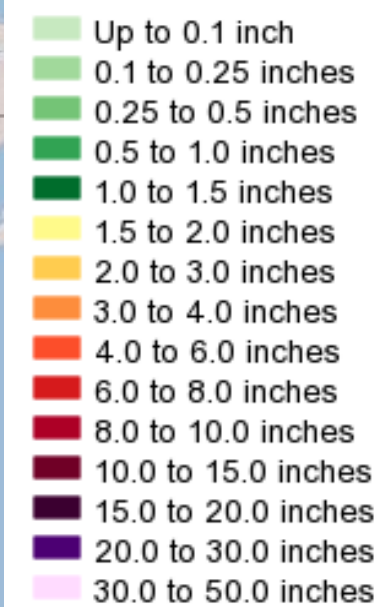


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## Forecast Chart



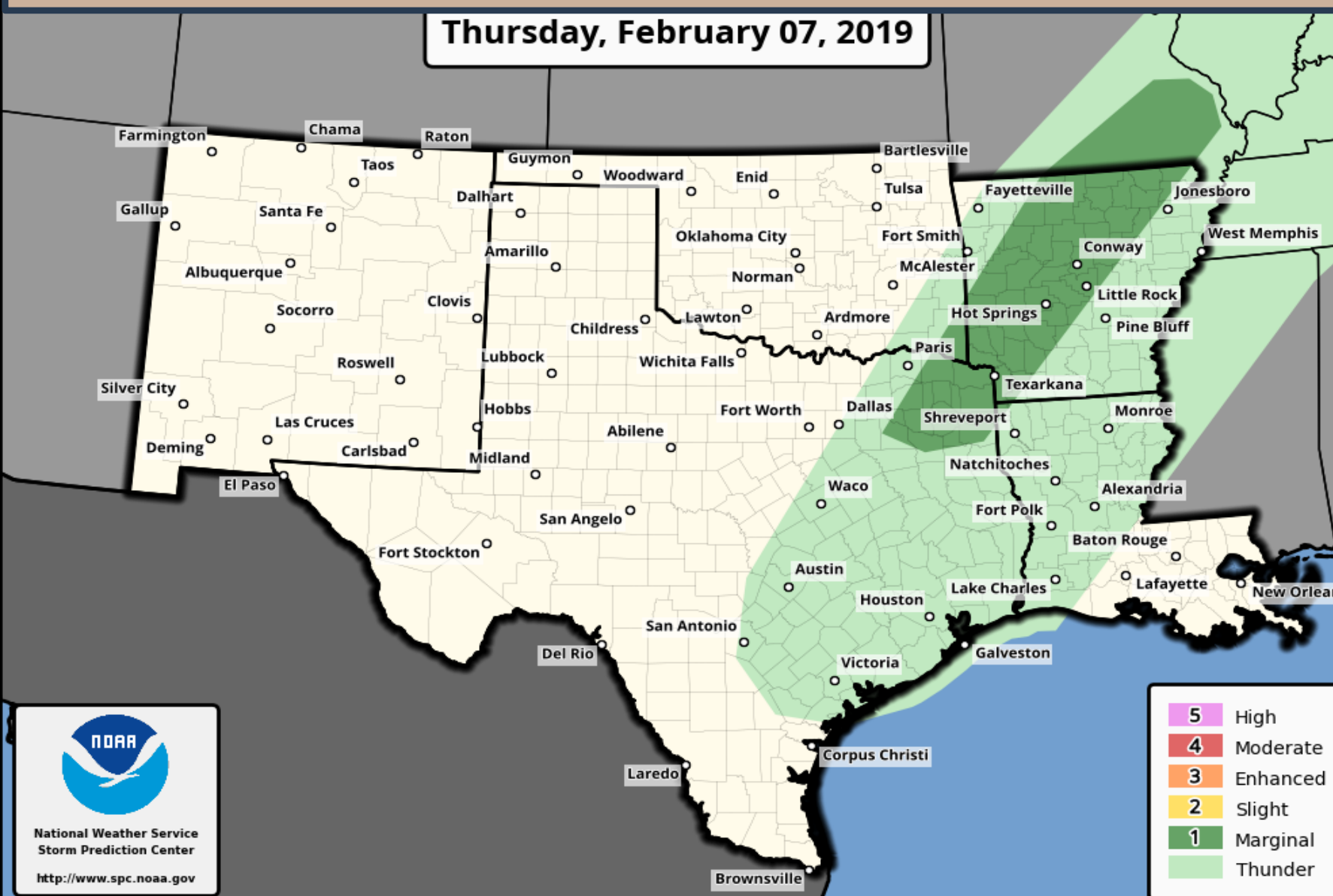
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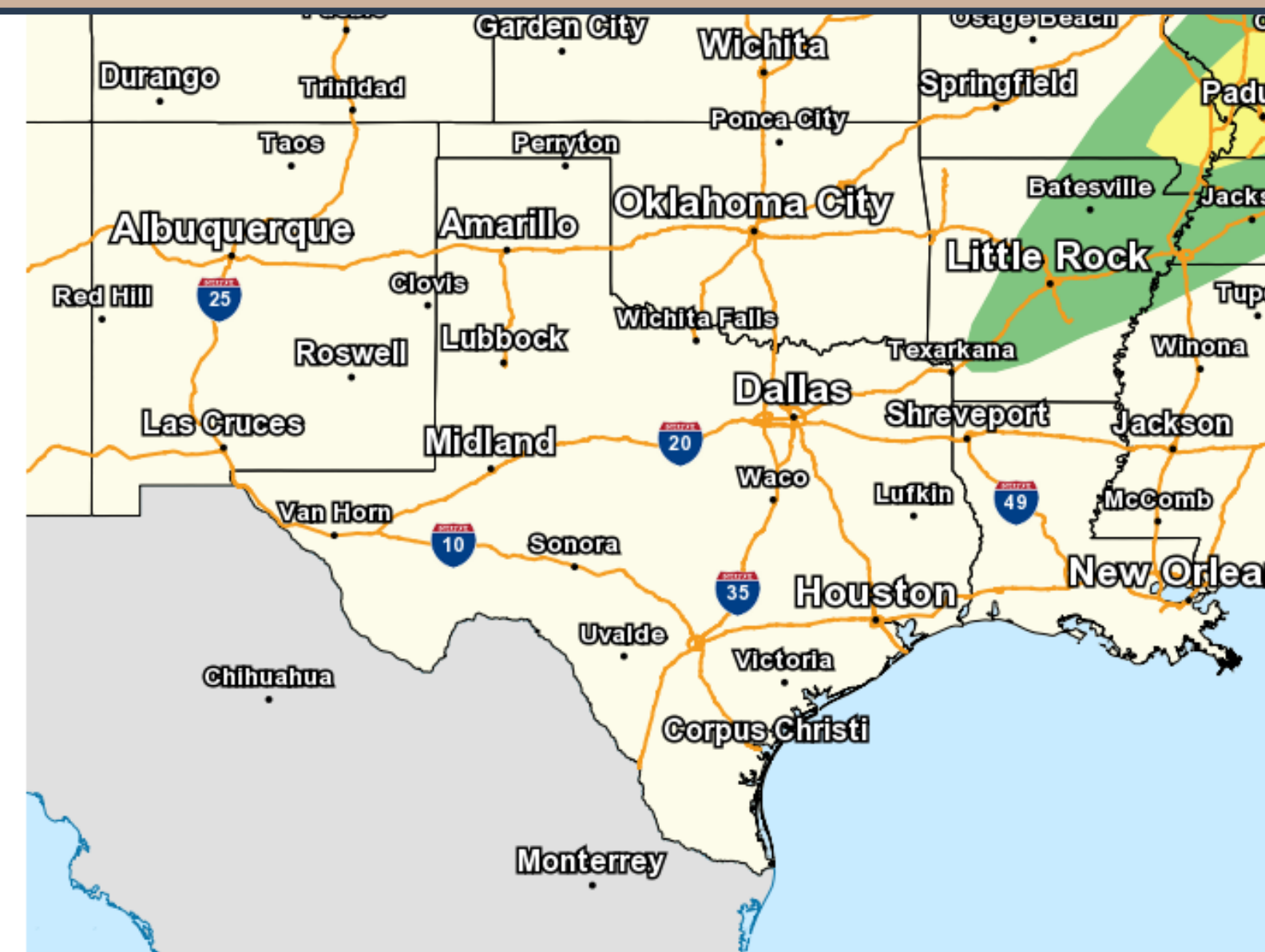
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## Severe Weather Outlook



## Excessive Rainfall Outlook

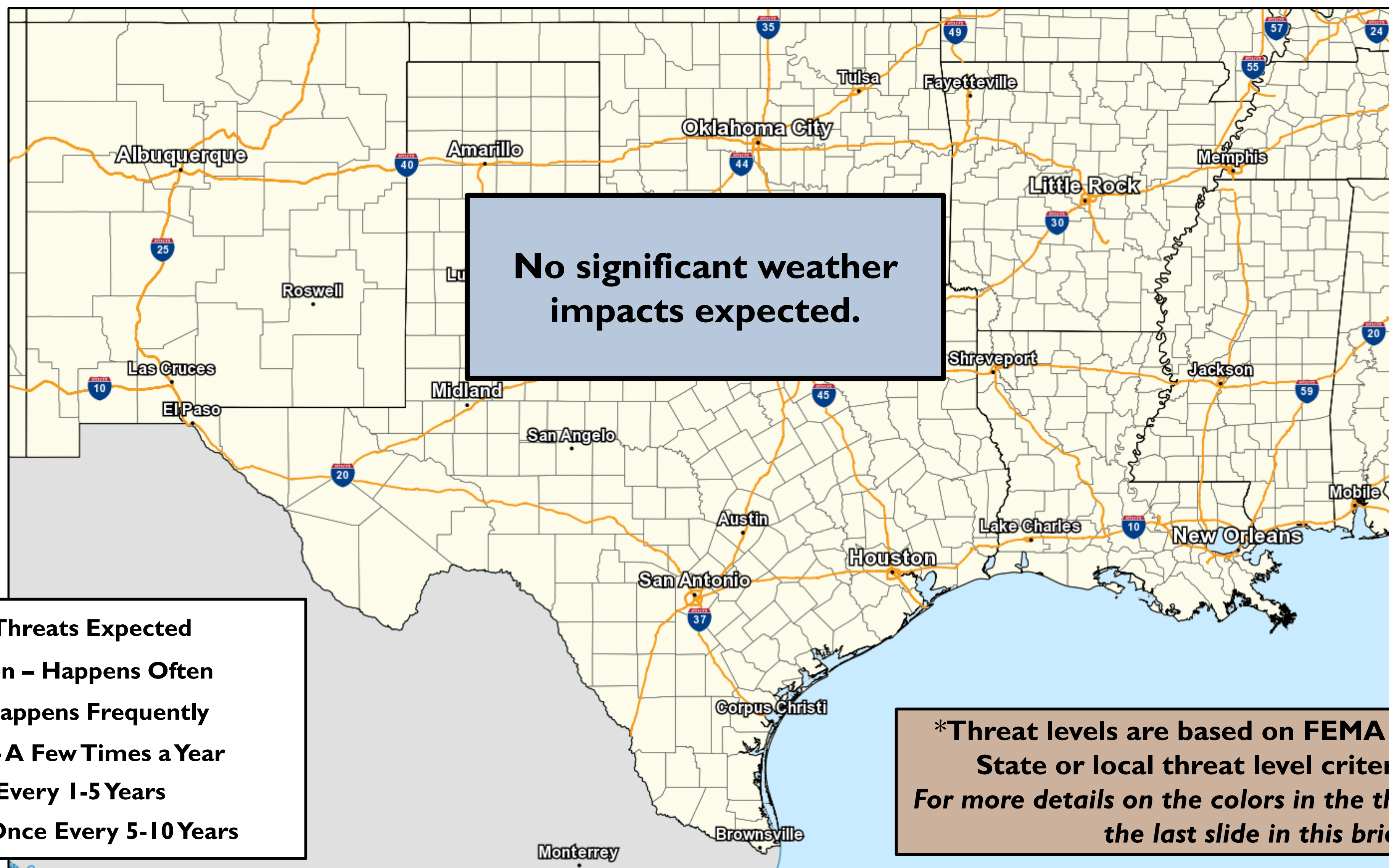


# Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Friday – Saturday



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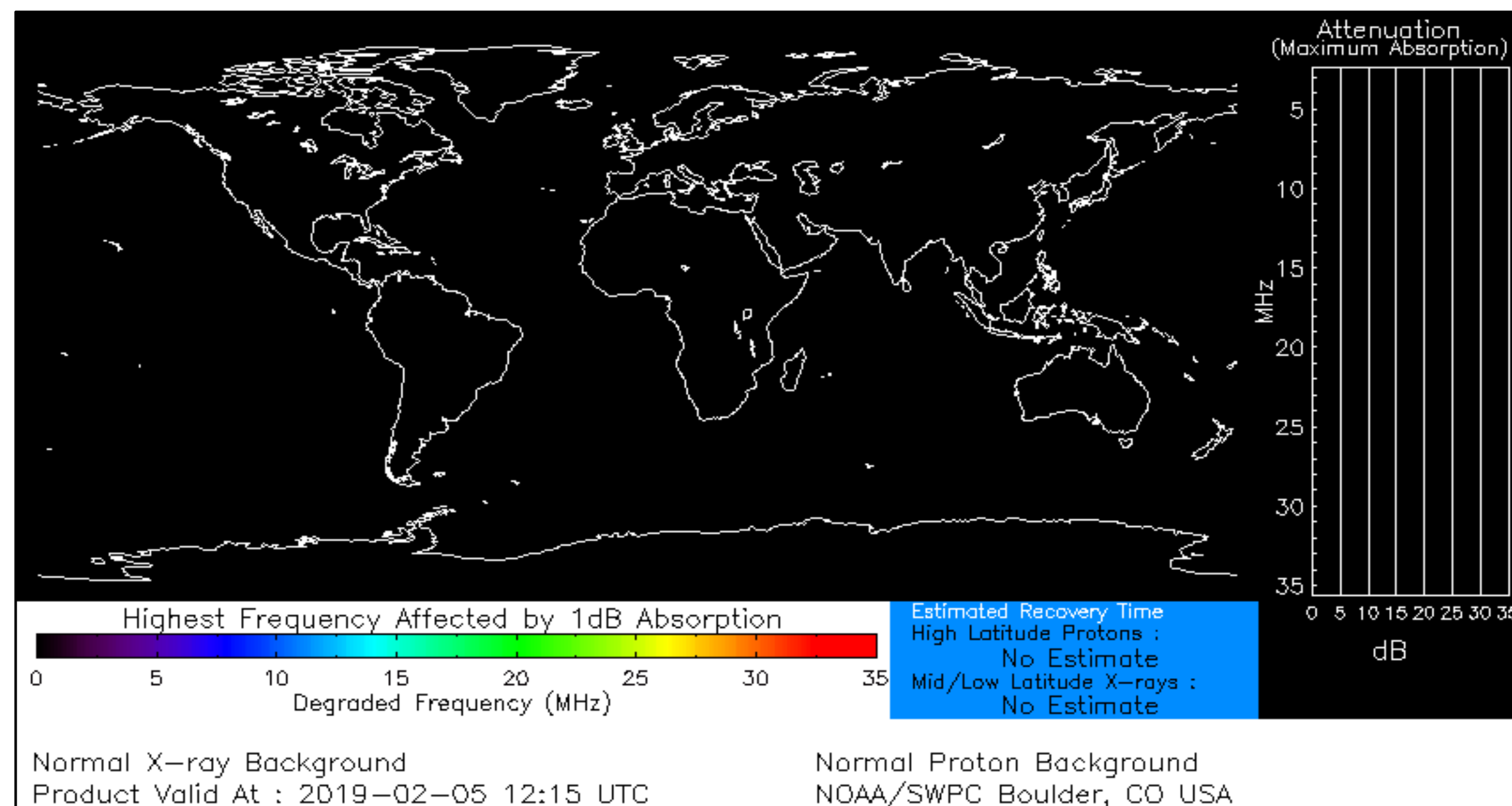
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# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



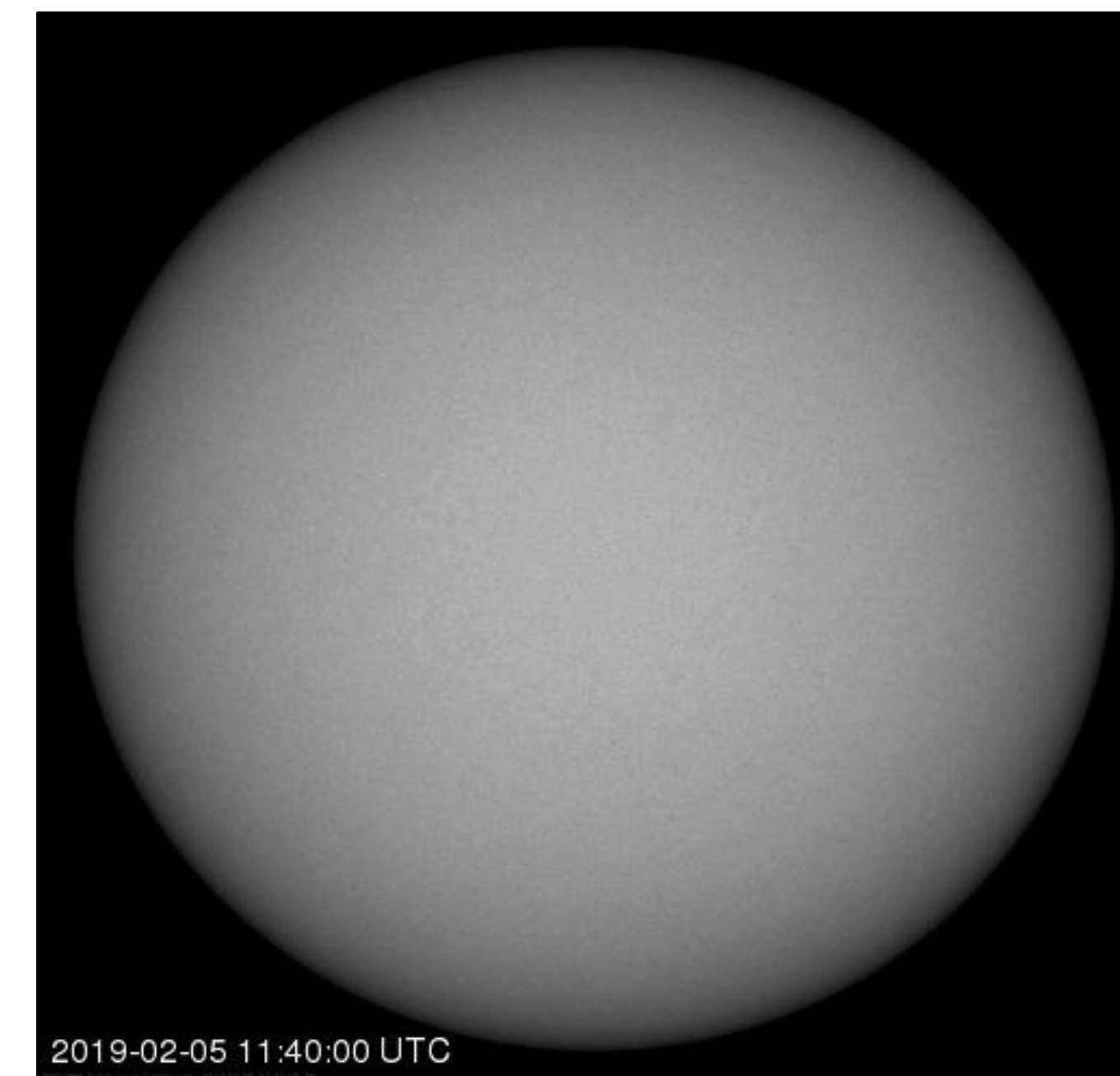
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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)





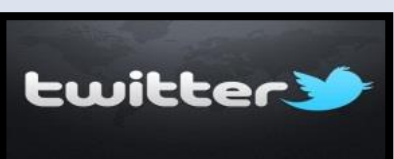
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Weather “Threat” Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	<b>Very Common</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees</li> <li>Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>
Yellow	<b>Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail</li> </ul>
Orange	<b>Uncommon – A Few Times a Year</b> Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely</li> <li>Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail</li> <li>Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected</li> </ul>
Red	<b>Rare – Once every 1-5 Years</b> Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days</li> <li>Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail</li> <li>Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue</li> </ul>
Purple	<b>Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years</b> Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow</li> <li>Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms</li> </ul>

**Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to**

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